

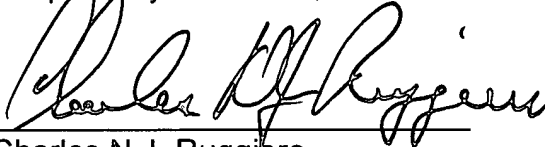
REMARKS

Claims 1 through 70 are currently pending in this application. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 35 and 37 through 46 will remain pending. Claims 1 through 34 and 47 through 70 have been canceled, without prejudice, by this amendment.

Applicants note with appreciation the fact that the Action has indicated that claims 35 and 37 through 46 are allowed. Therefore, pursuant to the above amendments, this application is now in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N.J. Ruggiero", is written over a horizontal line.

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